

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **CHURCH**

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Children's Choir—"Holy Is the Lord"
Led by Sherri Unyi

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"I Do Believe: Help Me Overcome My Unbelief"
By Pastor David Nygard

(Copies of today's sermon are available in the narthex or online at
mlcjoliet.org)

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

SCRIPTURE READING

OUR FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 17-18, 21-24 (NIV)

Reader: Youth Group

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ **"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."** ²⁴ **Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"**

OUR SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:24-31 (NIV)

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ **Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."**

²⁸ **Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"**

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

We have a new way that you can connect with us! You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a connection card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy way to give to MLC, and there are three ways to do it:

- 1) Go to this link: churchcenter.com/giving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have so many quilts ready to be tied and you don't need any sewing or quilting experience to help us. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew.

We are in need of any size sheets. Please be sure they are without rips, tears or stains. We can also use the pillowcases as we stuff them with our fabric scraps and make dog/cat beds for the animal shelter. There is a basket in the narthex to put them in. Contact Kathy Mueller (815-953-6601) at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Drop by and see what we are doing.

MEMORY BEARS

The Memory Bears Life Group meets together once a month to make teddy bears out of clothing from people who have passed away to comfort the grieving. We also make and sell bears once a year to raise money for supplies and children's charities. With the lost time with Covid and orders having not slowed down, we really could use your help!

MEAL TRAIN

We all know someone who may be overwhelmed during a difficult time. Perhaps an ill-

ness, surgery, loss of a family member or a job or the challenge of a new baby. Messiah is forming a Meal Train for anyone who would like to prepare and deliver a meal or need a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train team or request a Meal Train, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where you can keep you updating on what's going on. Parents of Sunday School aged children (Kindergarten through sixth grade), you can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code mlcmk to 81010.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids happens during the 11 am service, right after the children's message. Just sign in at the kiosk in the narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

VBS registration is NOW OPEN!! Kids entering 4 yr old preschool-6th grade are welcome to attend on June 6th-10th. All registrations and payments will be made online this year. Please visit the Messiah website for the link and more info. Volunteer sign-ups are also online. We need help in all areas all week and also for our Sunday Funday on June 12th after the 11:00 service. Please like our Facebook page **Messiah Lutheran Joliet VBS 2022** for updates and needs. Contact Lori Spielman at 708-204-9755 or Lspielman75@yahoo.com with any questions .

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)

Middle school students confirmation class.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

HSSS continues this week.

SUMMER CELEBRATION (Wednesdays from 6-8 pm in May)

Summer is just around the corner! Lets celebrate the last month of school with a bash! Come by the church to hang out with your friends, eat dinner, play games, and have time to celebrate summer 2022

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP (June 26th-July 1st)

For 5th-8th grade. This is where students go to learn about the Bible while experiencing God in nature. Be sure to come to the parent info meeting March 20th or sign up online at <https://www.centerlake.org/middleschoolcamps>.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP (July 17th-July 23rd)

For 9th-12th grade. This is a time for the High school to go to WV. to Alpine Ministries to experience God in nature and adventure. We will go white water rafting, repelling, and traverse a high ropes course. Need more info? Reach out to Brian at brian@mlcjoliet.org

EVENTS

STAY AND PLAY (Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 am)

Stay and Play is a weekly playgroup for kids 5 and under. Bring the kids and enjoy coffee on us, Feel free to bring snacks and drinks., Parent/caregiver must stay, Waiver required. Large open space to run and play Lots of toys and ride-ons. Check out the group on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup . Volunteers needed. Let the office know if you can help.

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

INSIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Join us for a great time of fellowship and study of God's word in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm)

Hey guys, need to connect with other Christian men? Feeling that you are just missing something? After a lot of prayer and seeking God's will, Messiah will once again have a men's ministry. We're calling it Messiah Men. We'll meet a few times a month and even do some guy trips and gatherings. Come check us out! Our goal isn't to add another commitment to your life; it's to help ease your burden so you can be the man God wants you to be.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Pastor Stier will be leading this three-week class starting Sunday, April 24th at 9:30 am. Every Christian has been given supernatural abilities called spiritual gifts to glorify God and be used by Him, and one day we will give an account for how well we used them. We read about them all over the New Testament, but the responsibility is on us to unwrap them and figure out where to use them. This class will not only help you understand what spiritual gifts are but will also help you discover yours and how to put them to use for God's glory. All are welcome. If you did the intensive 90 minute class in February, this class will still be good for you to attend, because we'll have more time to dig into what God is doing.

MAY SERMON SERIES

Word of God Speak

May 1 - Theme: Words Are Powerful

The promise: God is love

May 8 - Truth Rings True

The promise: God is truth

May 15 - At a Loss for Words

The promise: God hears you

May 22 - Think Good Thoughts

The promise: the Holy Spirit guides you

May 29 - Perfect Unity

The promise: God's love is in us



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 6-10

PRE-K - 6TH GRADE

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (April 24)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

MONDAY (April 25)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (April 26)

9:00 am Messiah Quilters
9:30 am Stay and Play

WEDNESDAY (April 27)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool

THURSDAY (April 28)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (April 29)

N/A

SATURDAY (April 30)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY (May 1)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 112
9:30 am: 202
11:00 am: 100

Online: 240
MSM: N/A
Messiah Kids SS: N/A
Insight/Mosaic: N/A

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145
Average Need Each Week: \$11,964
Received last week: \$19,615

Received year-to-date: \$180,046
Needed year-to-date: \$191,429

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 Corinthians 4:2

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488.